



NEWS RELEASE

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District: 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

###UPDATE###

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON STATE ROUTE 192 BRIDGES FOLLOWING DAMAGE IN MONTECITO DEBRIS FLOW

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – Caltrans has installed crash cushions on the San Ysidro Creek Bridge (PM 9.6), the Romero Canyon Creek Bridge (PM 10.92) and the Toro Canyon Creek Bridge (PM 12.49) on State Route 192. These bridges remain open to two-way traffic and were rebuilt following the debris flows and flooding in January 2018. Motorists should drive safely in these areas.

Construction is continuing at the following bridges:

Montecito Creek Bridge (PM 8.12): The bridge deck for this new structure is now being installed. Construction continues seven days a week from 7 am until 6 pm, weather permitting to maintain the integrity of the construction site and surrounding area during the rainy season. This bridge is expected to re-open to traffic with some restrictions by July.

The Toro Creek Bridge (PM 12.14): New bridge rails have been installed on the upstream side with work construction now focusing on the downstream side. This bridge is open with one-way reversing traffic control until project completion. All lanes of this bridge are expected to re-open in June.

Caltrans is working with the contractor, Security Paving of Sylmar on this \$20 million project to restore full access to all five bridges within this corridor and is striving to complete most of these projects by summer 2019, weather permitting.

Arroyo Paredon Bridge (PM 15.50): Utility work is expected to be completed by mid-April with final paving scheduled for early May. This bridge is expected to re-open to the public in mid-May.

Lash Construction of Santa Barbara is the contractor for the \$10 million replacement of this bridge.

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Barricades and locked gates will continue to secure the Montecito Creek and Arroyo Paredon Creek locations with detours available via local roads. Emergency responders will maintain access to these locked areas for public safety.

A segment of State Route 192 is open to motorists but **through traffic is strongly advised to continue using US 101**. State Route 192 remains closed at multiple locations between Sycamore Canyon/Camino Viejo Road and Cravens Lane.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway work zones.

For more information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Santa Barbara County, residents may call the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3237 or visit our website at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#sb>



Photos of Montecito Creek Bridge (above) and Toro Canyon Bridge (below).

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